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NAIA MEN'S TENNIS TOURNAMENT TIDBITS

The Numbers...The 1992 men's tournament features a total of 275 players representing 55 different colleges and universities...The singles draw will have 255 players and the doubles draw will have 122 entries.

Class Breakdown...A look at the classes of athletes in this year's tournament reveals 62 seniors, 95 juniors, 56 sophmores, and 55 freshmen participating...

The Geographics...A total of 102 foreign players are entered in this year's tournament, representing 37 different countries...That represents 37% of the field...Sweden leads the way with 16 players in the tournament, followed by Australia and England with 9 each, and India with 7...Closer to home, 35 states are represented in the hometowns of the athletes...With 15 players, Texas leads the field, while Florida is close behind with 11, and Ohio is sending 10 players...The complete list:

United States

Texas	15
Florida	11
Ohio	10
Minnesota	9
Michigan	9
Illinois	9
Kansas	8
North Dakota	8
Nebraska	8
Kentucky	7
Missouri	6
Oregon	6
Alabama	6
Vermont	6
Arkansas	5
New York	4
Oklahoma	4
Georgia	4
Wisconsin	4

South Carolina	4
California	3
North Carolina	3
Mississippi	3
Indiana	3
Colorado	3
Washington	3
New Jersey	2
West Virginia	2
Idaho	2
Montana	1
New Hampshire	1
Pennsylvania	1
Virginia	1
Massachusetts	1
Iowa	1

Foreign Countries

Sweden	16	Venezuela	2
England	9	Guatamala	1
Australia	9	Spain	1
India	7	Korea	1
Canada	5	Croatia	1
Switzerland	4	Netherlands	1
South Africa	4	Costa Rica	1
Mexico	4	Panama	1
Argentina	3	Chili	1
Turkey	3	Philippines	1
New Zealand	3	Trinidad	1
Sri Lanka	2	Jamaica	1
Ghana	2	Brazil	1
China	2	Finland	1
Peru	2	Greece	1
Bolivia	2	Denmark	1
Germany	2	Bahamas	1
France	2	West Indies	1
Colombia	2		

Previous Champions...There are seven former national team champions in this year's field including defending champion Lander SC(1991,1988,&1985), Elon College NC(1990), University of Texas-Tyler(1989), Auburn University at Montgomery AL(1987), Flagler College FL(1986 & 1977), Belhaven College MS(1983), and Hardin-Simmons University TX(1953)...

Top of the Tournament...Senior Yue Wang from BYU-Hawaii is the No. 1 seed and defending National Champion in the singles bracket -- he was ranked No. 1 in the latest NAIA poll with a record of 19-1...Juan Carlos Bianchi from Trevecca Nazarene College TN is the single's No. 2 seed with a match record of 25-0...Wang and double's partner Jean-Bernard Keen are seeded No. 1 in doubles competition...Joakim Appleqvist and Andrew Battle of Mobile College AL are the NAIA's No.2 ranked and seeded doubles team...

Shooting for Two...A total of 24 institutions have teams entered in both the men's... Schools with district team champions or at-large berths in both events include Auburn University at Montgomery, Baker University, Birmingham-Southern College, Brigham Young University-Hawaii, Cedarville College, Emporia State University, Flagler College, Hardin-Simmons University, Lewis-Clark State College, Lynn University, Minot State University, Mobile College, Nebraska Wesleyan University, Oklahoma City University, Presbyterian College, Sangamon State University, Schreiner College, Seattle University, Transylvania University, University of Charleston, University of Colorado-Cororado Springs, University of Mary, University of North Florida, and University of West Florida.

This and That...The tallest player in the tournament is Dominik Boettcher from Shorter College GA, who, at 6'9", inches out 6'8" Niclas Nilsson from Lander College SC...The shortest player in the tournament is Raul Malaver of Mobile College AL who stands 5'3"...The oldest player is Don Doss from the University of Charleston SC who is 32...The NAIA utilizes the 12-point tie-breaker procedure for all matches in the tournament...Officials for the matches will be provided by the Kansas City Association of Tennis Officials (KATO)...The Rockhill Tennis Club, serving as host/headquarters club for the 32nd consecutive year, is celebrating its 77th year of existence-it is believed to be the oldest tennis club west of the Mississippi River...